

SUFFOLK NANSEMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Suffolk Nansemond Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00 P.M. This will be a dinner meeting held at Planters Club. It is most appropriate that our meeting be held at Planters as our program will be about Amedeo Obici, founder of Planters Peanuts. Mr. Obici, who died in 1947, is, no doubt, remembered by many of our members. Perhaps they hardly think of him as "history" but for our younger members or those who have moved to Suffolk in recent years, Mr. Obici is a part of Suffolk's past worth learning about. Our speaker will be Ted LoCascio, Consultant for Planters Division of Standard Brands, who was, before his retirement, in charge of advertising for Planters.

The menu for the evening includes ham and chicken for a cost of \$6.00 payable at the door. For reservations call 539-3055 between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. or from 8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Reservations are required and must be made by Friday, September 21. Members are invited to bring guests. Those members who need transportation should call 539-1551 between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. and ask for Mrs. Beachum.

The executive board voted at its last meeting to allow out-of-town members to use this newsletter as a means of gaining information about ancestors from our area. We feel that this service is necessary because we have so many requests every year for information and our court records do not go beyond 1866 (due to destruction by fire). Our hope is that family Bibles and other resources of that nature belonging to local members might yield information that local members will share with the people making the request. Out-of-town members are allowed to run one request per year. (Please don't make it too long). Out-of-towners who have paid 1979 dues may send a letter with explanation of information desired.

Remember that Sunday, December 2, is our tour date for 1979. We will be opening the Riddick House (Riddick's Folly) with music, refreshments, Christmas decorations and various displays of interest to historians.

Now in its second printing, In the Shadow of the Blue Ridge, a comprehensive book on Clarke County's domestic and ecclesiastical architecture 1732-1952 by Mary Gray Farland with photography by Beverly Byrd Greenholgh. Cost is \$15.95 plus .80¢ per copy for postage and .64¢ tax for Virginia residents. Make checks payable to "In the Shadow of the Blue Ridge" at P.O. Box 99, White Post, VA 22663. Limited number of copies available

For family historians - Inquire at your local bookstore about these:

- (1) Underfoot: An Everyday Guide to Exploring the American Past. By David Weitzman, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1976. Cloth \$12.95. Paper \$7.95.
- (2) The Family Historian's Handbook by Yoffa Drazin, Jove Publications, 1978 Paper \$2.50
- (3) To acquaint children with their heritage - What Was It Like? When Your Grandparents Were Your Age, by Herb Mack, Ann Cook and Marily Gittel. Pantheon Books, 1976. Paper \$3.95.

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